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Reinrich EAST - Karl HASS Meeting  
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1. A sensitive Italian source has reported that on 2 October 1953, Baron (fm) EAST arrived in Rome to confer with Karl HASS. EAST's purpose in arranging a meeting supposedly was to obtain HASS' collaboration in obtaining information for "the economic intelligence service of the VOEST plant in Linz". EAST reportedly offered HASS the position of director of the Italian Sector of the service.

2. EAST was accompanied to Rome by his son, described as a young officer in the Austrian Police.

3. The report does not indicate HASS' reaction to the proposal. Source states, however, that "HASS is not in a position to throw any light on the matter".

4. The METs left Rome on 7 October for Geneva and Milan. EAST allegedly has a cousin, one (fm) WENIGER who heads an Austrian delegation in the latter city.

5. Arrangements for the conference were sent HASS by letter on 21 September 1953. In the letter, HASS was instructed to direct any further correspondence to a Walter RICHTER, c/o Villa Richter, Zellbad/Hall, Tirol.

6. EAST is undoubtedly (Baron) Reinrich EAST whose biography as an intelligence fabricator, zipper and connections with CIA/NSC, HASS and KILLI/WETTIL are already well-known to you. HASS, as you probably know, is now the accredited Blank Office liaison man to the Italian IS.

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in Rome. You are probably also aware of GATT's recent fall from grace; the possibility that he will be forced to retire in March and of reports that HASC, as a GATT protege, has expressed uneasiness about his position.

7. Although the report does not indicate that young MAST took part in the conferences, we feel that the presence of the Austrian police officer is interesting. According to the report, young MAST was accompanying his father on vacation.

8. The West Plant, of course, is hardly large enough to warrant having its own intelligence service. In view of the improbability that MAST could be a bona fide representative of the plant and the presence of the Austrian police officer at the conference, we feel that we should again query ... on the status of his relationship with MAST. Since we have previously expressed concern about this contact, we feel we can check with him now without danger of compromising the Italian information.

*f/s  
Yours truly*  
9. We have attempted to check out the persons mentioned in the report. A recent Italian report shows that MAST's cousin is (Baron) Rudolf ALMBERGER, head of the Austrian Foreign Trade Office in Milan, Via F. Storna 19. Young MAST is Johann George MAST, born 24 May 1930, living in Absam, near Solbad Hall, Tyrol. We have no traces on Baron RICHTER.

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